

Life Under Construction

Relationally Connected

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1. Acknowledge Your _____ for Connection

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (NIV=New International Version)

Ecclesiastes 4:12 "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (NLT=New Living Translation)

I Corinthians 12:21 "The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." (NLT)

2. Move Into Relational _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another..." (NLT)

3. Identify Your Current _____

Psalms 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." (NLT)

4. Find Empowering Relationships

5 Ingredients of TRUST

- U _____

Proverbs 16:22 "Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it..." (NASB=New American Standard Bible)

- I _____
- A _____
- C _____
- T _____

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."
(NLT)*

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Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think we underestimate our critical need for human connection? Why?
2. How does the Bible describe our need for relational connection with others?
3. Discuss placing ourselves in relational environments. Share your own experiences with this. Share how difficult this can actually be. What has worked for you? What hasn't?
4. Remember the four descriptions of connection? Isolation – Bad connections – Pseudo connections – Good connections. Where are you currently experiencing connections? This requires some transparency.
5. Trust is a foundation for good relational connections. Discuss the five ingredients of trust. Share your own personal experiences with these ingredients. How can you become a person who is developing trust in your own life so you attract others like this?